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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Mann
Serial No.: 10/016,231
Filing Date: November 2, 2001
For: Chromatography Column and
Method of Operation

Examiner: Ernest G. Therkorn
Group A.U.: 1723

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

ELECTION AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 22, 2003, received in the above-captioned patent application, the Applicant hereby elects claims 1-11 with traverse.

REMARKS

In the aforesaid Office Action, the Examiner restricted the claims to one of the inventions drawn to a method (claims 1-11) and apparatus (claims 12-20). The Examiner states that the inventions in these claims are distinct from each other because the "apparatus as claimed could be used as a chemical or biochemical reactor in a chemical or biochemical reaction process."

The Applicant respectfully disagrees with the conclusion drawn by the Examiner and hereby makes the election with traverse. The method and apparatus